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THAILAND

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1. There is nothing further on either of the two alleged assassination teams--one Vietnamese, the other Chinese. The investigations continue. [REDACTED] toured the Vietnamese community in the northeast and reported there was little interest in the President's visit and no rumors of planned action related to the visit.

2. Various sources indicate the President's reception in Bangkok will be cordial but subdued. The President of course will be with the King much of the time and demonstrations of great enthusiasm in the presence of the King are considered in bad taste.

MALAYSIA

3. On 25 October the Malaysian police arrested over 70 key leftists known to have engaged in planning hostile acts in connection with the President's

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visit. Another 30 or so are on the police target list. Apparently all of those arrested are members of the Labor Party or Partai Rakjat (Peoples Party). The police action has seriously disrupted leftist plans and illustrates the government's determination to prevent untoward incidents. However, the possibility of small, uncoordinated acts of violence can still not be discounted. Coincident with these arrests the government has issued a white paper regarding the Communist threat to mainland Malaysia. The paper includes details on training received by leftist Malaysian politicians in Communist camps in southern Thailand.

4. Police in neighboring Singapore are also planning arrests in the next few days. They will pick up leftists planning to hold rallies on 30 October. Anti-US gatherings in Singapore on 22 and 23 October resulted in the wounding of 12 persons by police. These incidents could well strengthen the resolve of the leftists to go through with demonstrations or other hostile activity in Singapore while the President is in Kuala Lumpur.

#### SOUTH KOREA

5. Liaison discussions continue between US and Korean security authorities. The Seoul police have a detailed plan for the President's protection which is being translated for study by US officials. Additional North Korean agent incidents are being researched for any bearing they might have on the President's visit.

6. Former president Yun Po-sun, President Pak's leading opponent, on 24 October is reported to have ordered his party followers to cooperate fully to make President Johnson's visit a success. A spokesman for Yun's party recently stated publicly that the party planned to discontinue all political rallies and stumping tours during President Johnson's stay in Korea. Yun's attacks on the Pak government, including intemperate criticism of the US and US policy in Vietnam, had suggested that he might seek to use President Johnson's visit to try to embarrass President Pak.

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